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years before, when Eleanor Dayton was a "romping little girl upon the outside, wondering little mystic within." The author develops his story on his home ground, finally reaching the time of the opening chapters and then connecting his threads. The treatment is a little less smooth than in former work and the volume seems crowded, but the interest is held. The plot turns persistently to the tragic, and yet clearly and strongly the growth of soul and the riches of spirit successfully triumph over trouble.

THE PAGAN AT THE SHRINE. By Paul Gwynne. The Macmillan Company. 1903.

This volume, while containing the story of the pagan at the shrine and of a good many other persons as well, is a medley of facts and observations which our author wishes to present to us—the result, probably, of much sojourning in the neighborhood of Santa Fé, "a city of some forty thousand souls in the south of Spain. . . . Their life was free from turmoil, and it even lacked incident; but it was uncursed by the demon of modernity, and therefore it was good to live." The story concerns a Jesuit of a college of Loyola near Santa Fé, and is the oft-repeated one of "The Scarlet Letter" and "The Silence of Dean Maitland," the confession being made, as in the latter-named book, in church, the priest falling dead at the end. There is apparently no purpose in the book, except to develop his plot; but it contains many ugly characters, a great amount of tortuous intriguing, and murders and insanity thrown in. The narrative, complicated in itself, is rendered very difficult, as before suggested, by heterogeneous matter—the account of the Passion Play, method of fishing, details of living, allusions, translations, and bits of folklore.

ROMANCES OF COLONIAL DAYS. By Geraldine Brooks. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co. 1903.

Historical novels and the publishing of diaries and letters have long made the people of other countries familiar with their ancestors; but this field has been comparatively neglected in America, our history probably being so recent as to have seemed to us valueless. That there is much of ro-